



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**[60Day-22-1185; Docket No. CDC-2022-0115]**

**Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),  
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled Youth Outreach Generic Clearance for the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). The goal of this Generic Clearance is to facilitate outreach efforts in the fields of math and science to young people (grades K through college) and those who support them.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2022-0115 by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal ([www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: 404-639-7570; E-mail: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the *Federal Register* concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each

proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses; and
5. Assess information collection costs.

#### Proposed Project

Youth Outreach Generic Clearance for the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) (OMB Control No. 0920-1185, Exp.

7/31/2023) - Extension - National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### Background and Brief Description

NCHS is authorized to collect data under Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act (42 USC 242k). NCHS has a history of reaching out to young people to encourage their interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Examples of past involvement include adopting local schools, speaking at local colleges, conducting a Statistics Day for high school students, and, most recently, conducting the NCHS Data Detectives Camp for middle school students.

The success of these programs has inspired NCHS leadership and staff to want to look for new and continuing opportunities to positively impact the lives of young people and expand their interest, understanding of, and involvement in the sciences. NCHS requests approval for a New Generic Clearance mechanism to collect information for these youth outreach activities and to inform future NCHS planning activities. The activities include hosting the Data Detectives Camp annually; hosting Statistics Day annually; creating youth poster sessions for professional conferences (such as the NCHS National Conference on Health Statistics or the American Statistical Association Conference etc.); hosting a statistical or health sciences fair or other STEM related competitions; organizing a STEM Career Day or similar activity; developing web-based sites or materials with

youth focus as well as other programs developed to meet future youth outreach needs, particularly activities that encourage STEM.

Information will be collected using a combination of methodologies appropriate to each program. These may include: Registration forms, letters of recommendation, evaluation forms; mail surveys; focus groups; automated and electronic technology (e.g. e-mail, Web-based surveys); and telephone surveys.

OMB approval is requested for three years to conduct the Youth Outreach Generic Clearance for the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). The total estimated annualized burden hours are 1,750. Participation is voluntary, and there is no cost to respondents other than their time to participate.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of survey	Respondent	Number of Respondents	Number of responses/ respondent	Average Burden/ response (in hours)	Response Burden (in hours)
Questionnaires /Applications	Student/ Youth	800	1	30/60	400
Applicants Questionnaire/ Application	Parents/ Guardians of Applicants	800	1	30/60	400
Applications, Recommendations, and Other applicant-supporting documentation	School Officials/ Community Representatives	1200	1	30/60	600
Focus Groups	Student/ Youth; Parent/ Guardian; School Officials; Other	50	1	60/60	50

Other Program Surveys	Student/Youth; Parent/Guardian; School Officials; Other	600	1	30/60	300
Total					1,750

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